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1. On 2 December 1950, it was learned that, by an order of General Chuikov which went into effect immediately, all Soviet officers would have to learn German. Ten language instructors are said to have been contracted for this purpose in Frankfurt/Oder. Documents to be submitted by applicants included a handwritten life history in duplicate, three photographs, a statement of political attitude, and a form containing 32 questions. The instruction was to be given twice a week, each lesson lasting from an hour and a half to an hour and 40 minutes. Each class was to consist of 20 to 25 officers. It was planned to hold the classes in the barracks installations. \*
2. The following Soviet officers were seeking private German language instruction in Frankfurt/Oder on 15 and 16 December: Colonel Aleksandrov (fnu), SOG chief in Frankfurt/Oder; Lieutenant Colonel Milinis (fnu), RTO for the Frankfurt/Oder area; Lieutenant Colonel Kalinin (fnu), supply chief for the Frankfurt/Oder military post; and Colonel Krainov (fnu), commanding officer of the artillery unit in the former German 3d Arty Regt Kaserne on August Bebelstrasse. Colonel Krainov (fnu), was known to have begun such instruction on 22 December 1950. \*\*
3. Courses at the Frankfurt/Oder officers' school, in the former Teachers' College, were resumed on 1 December. The current course included 150 to 170 officers from posts all over the Soviet Zone of Germany. \*
4. On 16 December, no AA guns were seen at any of the Oder River bridges of Frankfurt/Oder. \*\*\*

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\* Comment. In August 1950, [ ] an English course was to start in the former Teachers' College in Frankfurt/Oder in September 1950. [ ]

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The former Teachers' College is located on the east side of Hellweg and south of the former conservatory, now a theater, on Gerhard Hauptmannstrasse.

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\*\* Comment. Of the officers mentioned in the present report, only Lieutenant Colonel Kalinin (fnu), is known, who, however, was identified [ ] as the chief of the Frankfurt/Oder army ration supply depot in November 1950. [ ]

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Colonel Krainov (fnu), may be the commanding officer of a regiment in the Artillerie Kaserne which belongs to the unidentified AAA division, possibly the 32nd, of the GOFG.

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\*\*\* Comment. The information confirms previous reports [ ]

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